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¶1. We received para 2 letter June 2 from the Egyptian Atomic Energy Authority in response to reftel message. ISN/NESS received a copy of letter June 2 by e-mail.

¶2. Begin letter:

Ms. Catherine Hill-Herndon
Economic-Political Counselor
American Embassy in Cairo

Dear Ms. Hill-Herndon,

Edlow International Company is acting as agent for INVAP S.E. of Argentina 1.1 kilograms U-235 in 5.1 kilograms uranium, enriched to a maximum of 19.95 percent in U-235, in the form of metal isotope production targets. The material, in the form of broken metal pieces, will be supplied by the Department of Energy Y-12 Oak Ridge Facility and is to be exported to Argentina for fabrication into medical isotopes production targets at the Commission Nacional de Energia Cento Atomica at Constituyentes, Buenos Aires for re-export to Egypt irradiation in the ETTR-2 Research Reactor at the Abu Zabal Nuclear Center for production of medical molybdenum-99 and iodine-131.

The Egyptian Atomic Energy Authority would like to confirm that the nuclear materials proposed for export and was mentioned above, upon receipt in Egypt will be subject to the terms and conditions of the 1981 Agreement for Cooperation between the Government of the United States of America and the (sic) government of the Arab Republic of Egypt concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy, and the Abu Zabal Nuclear Research Center is authorized to receive and process the transferred materials.

Sincerely Yours,

Prof. Dr. Mohamed Ibrahim Hussein
Chairman of NCNSRC
(signed)

Prof. Dr. Aly Islam Metwally Aly
President of AEA
(signed)
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